BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2006-1-E - ORDER NO. 2006-194

MARCH 27, 2006

| IN RE: | Carolina Power & Light Company d/b/a |) | ORDER GRANTING |
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| | Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. – Annual |) | ADMISSION PRO HAC |
| | Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs. |) | VICE |

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion of Robert R. Smith, II, Esquire, on behalf of Nucor Steel-South Carolina, a Division of Nucor Corporation (Nucor) for Admission of Garrett A. Stone to practice before the Commission *pro hac vice*. Mr. Smith petitions for Garrett A. Stone to appear before the Commission as counsel for Nucor in the hearing for Docket No. 2006-1-E regarding the annual review of base rates for fuel costs of Carolina Power & Light Company d/b/a Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.

Mr. Stone is an attorney and member of the law firm of Brickfield, Burchette, Ritts & Stone, PC, with offices located at 1025 Thomas Jefferson St., NW, 8th Floor West, Washington, DC, and is a member in good standing of the bar of the District of Columbia, according to the certificate attached to the application. Additionally, Mr. Stone has included an affirmation that he will comply with the applicable statutes, law and rules of the State of South Carolina, that he is familiar with and will comply with the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct, and that he will submit to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina courts and Commission on Lawyer Conduct.

Local counsel of record associated with Mr. Stone is Thomas S. Mullikin and Robert R. Smith, III, of Moore & Van Allen, PLLC, 100 North Tryon Street, Suite 4700, Charlotte, North Carolina.

It appears to this Commission that the proper *pro hac vice* application of Garrett A. Stone has been filed with the South Carolina Supreme Court and that the necessary affirmation has been made. The Deputy Clerk for Bar Admissions has certified receipt of the filing and that the filing fee has been paid. We believe that Mr. Stone meets the qualifications for admission to practice before the Commission at the hearing in Docket No. 2006-1-E pro *hac vice* and that he should be so admitted.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Garrett A. Stone, Esquire, is a member in good standing of the bar of the District of Columbia and through Motion of local counsel, Robert R. Smith, II, has moved for his *pro hac vice* admission to practice before the Commission at the hearing on Docket No. 2006-1-E.
- 2. Proper application has been filed, the filing fee has been paid, and the necessary affirmation has been made, as required by SCACR 404.
 - 3. Mr. Stone has associated South Carolina counsel.
- 4. The Motion for *pro hac vice* admission in this proceeding should be granted.

ORDER

The Motion of Robert R. Smith, II, Esquire, for *pro hac vice* admission of Garrett A. Stone, Esquire, to practice before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina at the hearing on Docket No. 2006-1-E is granted.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Randy Mitchell, Chairmar

ATTEST:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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